

“Keepin’ it simple ... on another Advent-Sunday
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is ... SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Welcome to our “HUMBLE TEMPLE” this morning.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today.

We sure enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy and noisy ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the sanctity of our worship experience, and the comfort of your neighbor.

We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants.

any festive announcements ???

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, I sure learn a lot about myself ... this time of the year.

And some of what I learn?? ... I don’t like so much.

A little testy, at times. In a hurry, too much.

A bit self-centered and pre-occupied with someone called “me.”

Inside of me ... at the core of who I am and want to be ----

is a child, a manger, simple messengers ...

angels of goodness and joy.

Yes, the CHRIST CHILD. Simple, humble, almost un-noticed.

But for me ... for us ... for our world: a life-changing presence and message. In a world ... too often divided ... too often noisy and harsh ... help me live-out, in my own imperfect way ---- the spirit of your son. Quiet. Caring. Hopeful.

Without fan-fare of attention.

Just me. Just you. With a spirit bringing us all together.

Most of all --- with love.

Amen.

*Advent verse: Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel ... come and be born in our hearts.
Come O prince of peace, come O prince of peace, come O prince of peace ... come and be born in our hearts.*

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BENEDICTION AND THREE-FOLD “AMEN”

We have beautiful altar flowers, gracing our church today ...

*from Blair Kelch ... in loving memory of his wife Dawn.

Our eternal light burns with spirit this morning ...

*from Rich and Nancy Frothingham, in celebration of their son
Craig, on his 13th wedding anniversary.

*from Elaine and Paul Carlstrom ... in celebration of the birth of
their grandson – Leonardo Anthony Bertolini.

*from Blair Kelch, in loving memory of Dawn.

*from Paul and Judie Newman, in loving memory of their son
Paul Newman ... who died 7 years ago.

*from the Svehla family ... in memory of the honorable 41st
President of the United States: George H. W. Bush.

Monday: *Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

*Book Club, in Charter Hall (evening)

Wednesday: *Men's Club Christmas party, 6:00

PLEASE rsvp we would love to see some
new "guys" come ---- you all are welcome

Thursday: *Advent supper, 6:30 worship, 7:30

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUTREACH DAY!@!!

Youth groupers be here by 8:30 ... also, we are still collecting
money in the "love bucket." Also ---- see our raffle table ...
all donations going to outreach.

THE POINTSETTIAS ARE BEAUTIFUL sign-up and
envelopes for plant donations are in narthex.

ENJOY THE ARTISITS' FAIRE TODAY ...

lot of wonderful expressions of art and goodness!!